

IN THE CLAIMS:

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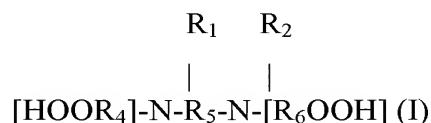
1. (Currently Amended) A pharmaceutical aqueous suspension comprising:
 - a) a therapeutically effective amount of suspended solid particles in crystal form comprising at least one active ingredient;
 - b) a thickener;
 - c) a uniformly dispersed nucleation inhibitor, wherein said nucleation inhibitor reduces growth rate of said active ingredient compared to suspensions not containing a nucleation inhibitor; and
 - d) at least one amino polycarboxylic acid compound; ~~and~~wherein the suspension has a pH of about 3.7 to about 8.
2. (Original) A suspension according to claim 1, wherein the suspended solid particles are hydrophobic and the suspension further comprises a surfactant.
3. (Original) A suspension according to claim 1, wherein the suspended solid particles have a median particle size, as measured by laser scattering, of about 1 to about 20 microns.
4. (Original) A suspension according to claim 1, wherein the suspension comprises a blend of at least a structuring agent and a swelling agent as the thickener.
5. (Original) A suspension according to claim 1, wherein the active ingredient is substantially insoluble in an aqueous environment at room temperature.
6. (Currently Amended) A suspension according to claim 1 wherein the aqueous suspension has a pH between about 3 and about 6 at room temperature.
7. (Original) A suspension according to claim 1 wherein the nucleation inhibitor is polyvinylpyrrolidone.

8. (Currently Amended) A suspension according to claim 1 wherein the pH of the aqueous suspension remains within about 0.2 pH units for a period of at least about four weeks starting from its complete formulation when stored at a temperature of at least about 60°C.

9. (Currently Amended) A suspension according to claim 1 wherein the viscosity remains constant for at least about two weeks when stored at a temperature of at least about 60°C.

10. (Currently Amended) A suspension according to claim 1 wherein the viscosity within a range of plus or minus about 25% of its initial value for a period of at least about 8 weeks when stored at a temperature of about 60°C.

11. (Original) A suspension according to claim 1 wherein the amino polycarboxylic acid compound is a compound according to formula (I) and pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof:

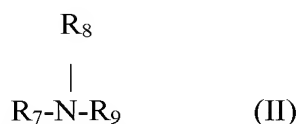


wherein R₁ and R₂, independently of one another, are hydrogen, hydroxy-terminated C₁-C₄ alkylene, carboxylic-terminated C₁-C₄ alkylene or N-[R₃OOH]_m;

and R₃, R₄, R₅ and R₆ are independently of one another are C₁-C₄ alkylene

and m is 1 or 2;

or formula (II)



wherein R₇, R₈ and R₉, independently of one another, are hydrogen, C₁-C₄ alkyl, carboxylic-terminated C₁-C₄ alkylene or hydroxy-terminated C₁-C₄ alkylene

and pharmaceutically acceptable salts of formula (I) or (II).

12. (Original) A suspension according to claim 11, wherein at least one amino polycarboxylic acid compound is represented by formula (I) and R₁, R₂ and R₃ are ethylene.

13. (Original) A suspension according to claim 1, wherein the amino polycarboxylic acid compound is selected from the group consisting of ethylenediaminetetraacetic acid (EDTA),

hydroxyethylethylenediaminetriacetic acid, dihydroxyethylethylenediaminediacetic acid, 1,3-propanediaminetetraacetic acid, diethylenetriaminepentaacetic acid, triethylenetetraminehexaacetic acid, iminodiacetic acid, methyliminodiacetic acid, nitrilotriacetic acid, and salts thereof, and mixtures thereof.

14. (Currently Amended) A suspension according to claim 1, wherein the amino polycarboxylic acid compound is selected from ethylenediaminetetraacetic acid₂ ~~and~~ salts thereof and mixtures thereof.

15. (Original) A suspension according to claim 1, wherein the amino polycarboxylic acid compound is disodium ethylenediaminetetraacetate.

16. (Original) A suspension according to claim 11 wherein the active ingredient is an anti-histamine or analgesic.

17. (Original) A suspension according to claim 14 wherein the active ingredient is loratadine.

18. (Original) A suspension according to claim 16 wherein the active ingredient is acetaminophen or ibuprofen.

19. (Currently Amended) A pharmaceutical aqueous suspension comprising:

- a) a therapeutically effective amount of suspended solid particles in crystal form comprising at least one active ingredient;
 - b) a blended thickening component comprising xanthan gum and pre-gelatinized starch;
 - c) at least one amino polycarboxylic acid compound; ~~and~~
- wherein the suspension has a pH of about 3.7 to 8.

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21. (Original) A suspension according to claim 19 further comprising a surfactant.

22. (Currently Amended) A pharmaceutical aqueous suspension comprising a therapeutically effective amount of suspended solid particles in crystal form comprising at least one active

ingredient selected from the group consisting of fexofenadine, loratadine, desloratadine, terfenadine, astemizole, norastemizole, cetirizine, and pharmaceutically acceptable salts, esters, isomers, and mixtures thereof,

wherein the suspension has a pH of about 3.7 to about 8; and

wherein the suspended solid particles have a median particle size, as measured by laser scattering, of about 1 to about 20 microns after about 4 weeks at about 60°C.